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## OIL and GAS NEWS

Edward Galt of the Crystal company has returned from a holiday visit to Georgia.

J. E. Crosbie, one of the active operators in the Healdton field, is expected here the early part of this week from his home in Tulsa.

Miss Jessie Rider, stenographer for the Ardmore Producers association, has returned from an extended holiday visit to points in eastern states.

The Magnolia Pipe Line company has moved its two big gas engines from Ringling to the pump station in section 3 in the Healdton field, and they will be installed at once. The pipe line will use gas instead of oil at the station.

J. T. Little of Pottawatomie arrived here yesterday and went out to the fields today. He owns the fee in the Crosbie & Davis 20 acres in section 10-4-3. Mr. Little has a small production and says he favors shutting the field down rather than to reduce the price of oil.

The pump station closed down at three o'clock Sunday morning. The Pierce-Fordyce Oil association has quit making purchases of Healdton oil and the Fort Worth station reported that its tanks were full, and no more oil could be taken for a few days. When pumping will be resumed is not known.

C. R. Stewart, district foreman for the pipe line company, stated yesterday that he did not have the exact figures but he thought the runs of 6,000 barrels a day up to Jan. 1 had been made good. He is not pumping any oil now and will wait for instructions from the headquarters of the company.

Robert Watchorn of the Samoset Oil company, who is at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., has intended to be here the early part of the week but is detained on account of being ill. He probably will come as soon as he is able to travel and attend to business. As far as is known there is no progress being made on the proposed pipe line to Gainesville.

It has been reported that the W. R. Ingram twenty acres, located north of the Stockman's well in section 15-4-3 has been sold to eastern parties who will start operations on the lease within a short time. Bark Burnett is said to have purchased this lease some time ago, and made a drilling contract with a forfeiture clause of \$5 a day. The time is up and Mr. Ingram has been receiving \$5 a day for several weeks, because drilling has not been done.

If your well has been drilled too deep, and has bottom water, I will cement it off at a nominal expense. Have the necessary tools and the knowledge. Earl Athey, Healdton, Okla. 29-6

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D. G. Lacy, who has been on a business trip to Tulsa, Cushing, and Oklahoma City has returned to Ardmore. He says great activity prevails at Cushing. All the tank cars that can be had are in constant use there, the pipe lines are all running at their full capacity and the producers are spending millions of dollars in building steel storage. The big producers are spending a vast sum for steel storage and while the production is vast the market conditions are such as to keep them from making much money.

The Okmulgee Producers association has passed resolutions condemning the attitude of one of the papers published in that section of the state for the stand it took in removing the limitations on the amount of land that could be held by one person under government leases. The producers seem to be of the opinion that the efforts to get Cato Sells, United States Indian commissioner, to remove the limitations of 4,800 acres, was instigated by what is called the oil monopoly. Several papers in that section of the state simultaneously printed editorials favoring the removal of the limitations. The producers charge that there was a line-up to create the impression in Washington that all oil producers favored the removal, while they state that ninety per cent of them wanted the regulation to remain as it is now. Commissioner Sells refused to change the regulation, and the independent producers count it as their victory.

The Healdton producers have before them one of the biggest problems since the field was discovered. It seems that the pipe line people are not willing to make any purchases of oil unless the price is reduced to 20c. There is no definite information to this effect, but it is probably true. The producers must decide whether they will sell or not. Some of them, and probably the majority, favor an absolute and complete shut-down of the field, rather than to reduce the price. While this is true, there are others who will be moving out their oil. Mr. Crosbie will be moving oil to his refinery, the Thelma people will probably be moving oil through their line, the W. & O. Oil company will, in all probability, be moving oil. Whether neighbors of these companies will shut down under the circumstances, is a question yet to be determined. Where one sells it almost forces all to sell, because they are all taking oil from the same pool. To arrive at some definite conclusion, a meeting of the producers will be held here Wednesday.

#### OIL PROPOSITION PENDING

Pipe Line Declined to Purchase the Healdton Oil at 40c Barrel.

Some days ago The Ardmoreite published a telegram from Col. George C. Greer, attorney for the Magnolia Pipe Line company, in which it was stated that a proposition for purchasing Healdton oil was pending before the producers and the commission. The telegram did not state what that proposition was. Wirt Franklin, president of the Producers association, was out of the city and not until today could it be learned what the proposition is that Col. Greer referred to.

Mr. Franklin stated today that the board of directors of the association had, through Commissioner Henshaw, made the Magnolia people a proposition to accept 40c a barrel for Healdton oil, provided the runs should not be less than 15,000 barrels a day. Col. Greer has made reply to the proposition. He states that the company will not agree to take any definite amount of oil for any definite period of time at any price. That he will not pay 40c a barrel for any amount of oil, no matter how small. He does offer to pay 30c, but states specifically that the company will not bind itself to take any specified amount.

This proposition will be placed before a general meeting of producers to be held Wednesday. Mr. Franklin would not venture any assertion on what he thought the producers would do in the matter. However,

## DARKNESS REIGNS ALONG RIGHT-OF-WAY

PROMISED RELIEF IS NOT IN SIGHT AND CITIZENS AGAIN ARE RAISING THEIR VOICES IN PROTEST.

About two weeks ago the citizens living north of the Ringling railroad and west of Washington street, raised a protest about the light that was being furnished them and at the time they were given assurance by the city commissioners that they would be given relief. They have trusted in this but as yet their dreams have not been realized, according to a statement of a citizen who lives in that immediate neighborhood, the nights are very black and very dangerous in that vicinity.

On the south side of the Ringling right of way along third avenue, from Washington to beyond C street, with the exception of the light at the Ringling depot, there has been no light for several weeks, and the citizens are beginning to ask questions as to why this condition exists. They maintain that they are tax payers and are entitled to the same privileges as other citizens in other portions of the city, and want the mayor and the city commissioners to declare themselves on this subject at the regular meeting of the board of city commissioners tomorrow night. The mayor stated this morning that this was going to be the one thing that was going to be settled, and he instructed the city attorney this morning to get busy and see what relief could be expected.

#### Lights to be Placed

Just before going to press Mayor Roberts stated that he had a conversation with the general manager of the Ringling railroad who assured him that he was ready to install all lights required of them as soon as the light company can get the work done.

from talking with several persons, who are interested in production, it is believed that they will favor a shut down in the field. Mr. Franklin stated that only two producers had shown a willingness to accept 20c for oil by pumping fresh oil into earthen storage, and that practice has been discontinued at this time.

#### NEW OUTLET SOUGHT FOR YALE FIELD PRODUCTION

Yale, Okla., Jan. 3.—For a week or ten days there has been an investigation going on in the oil fields about Yale which seem to presage another pipe line out of the field. The parties making the investigation are secretive, but they have not covered the fact that their mission is relative to securing oil contracts and engineering data on the cost of a pipe line. It is also evident from the direction covered that the line, if built, will go southwest.

It might be surmised from the fact that the line does not go by the way of Paden that the line is not of the Prairie Oil company, which would make it seem probable that the Pierce people were contemplating the construction of a line with Oklahoma City as a terminus, which would be the logical distributing and refining point for the country to the west.

It is known that the Magnolia company has surveyed several lines from the Yale-Cushing field to Oklahoma City and to Healdton, and it may be that the Pierce people are trying to beat the Magnolia in establishing themselves in Oklahoma City. Another point which might be considered significant is that the operators in the field are not running over one another to make new contracts on their production. The McMan company officials state that they will not make new contracts and are building storage at the rate of 210,000 barrels a week, so it must see some relief ahead in the form of competition between the large refiners.

It makes little difference who is contemplating the construction of the new line and it is certain that an additional carrier will get all the oil it desires, as the Prairie Oil and Gas company is taking only 20 per cent of a 210,000-barrel production.

#### NOTICE

A public meeting of all the oil producers of the Healdton field is called for Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1915, at 2 p. m., in the Commercial club rooms at Ardmore.

All producers urged to be present to consider matters of vital importance. MARK KIRKPATRICK, Secretary.

## IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

LITERACY TEST UNAMENDED EXCEPT FOR EXEMPTION OF BELGIAN FARMERS. BILL WILL GO TO CONFERENCE.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Immigration bill containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens, which has been the obstacle in immigration reform legislation for the greater part of two national administrations, passed the senate late today by a vote of 50 to 7. The overwhelming majority was recorded despite President Wilson's indication that he would veto the measure, as did former president Taft, if it should come to him with the educational test included.

The vote in the senate indicated the bill could be repassed by more than the required two-thirds majority, should the president reject the measure. Senators who voted against the bill, were Messrs: Brandegee, McCumber, Martine, O'Gorman. The bill passed the House Feb. 5, last, by a vote of 241 to 126.

#### Bill to Go to Conference.

Although the senate amended the house bill in several particulars, the literacy test was unaltered save for an additional exemption to Belgian subjects which was adopted today after prolonged deliberation. House leaders probably will ask for a conference on senate amendments Monday, but administration leaders were confident senate amendments would be accepted, and the bill sent to the president by the middle of the next week. Among the senate amendments that house leaders have said, probably would be accepted, is one to exclude from the United States all persons of the African race, or of negro blood. Another strengthens the phraseology of the prohibition of polygamists.

Closing hours of the debate today were devoted to an amendment by Senator Lodge to exempt Belgian farmers from the literacy test and from the provisions which prohibit Americans from soliciting and inducing immigration. Already several American organizations are endeavoring to induce Belgian refugees to settle in this country. The amendment was finally adopted by a vote of 34 to 22 follows:

#### Belgian Farmers Exempt.

"That the provisions of this act relating to the illiteracy test or induced or assisted immigration shall not apply to agricultural immigrants from Belgium who come to the United States during the course of the present European war or within one year after its termination, owing to circumstances or conditions arising through the war, if it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner general of immigration that the said Belgian immigrants come with the intention of engaging in agriculture in the United States and to become American citizens."

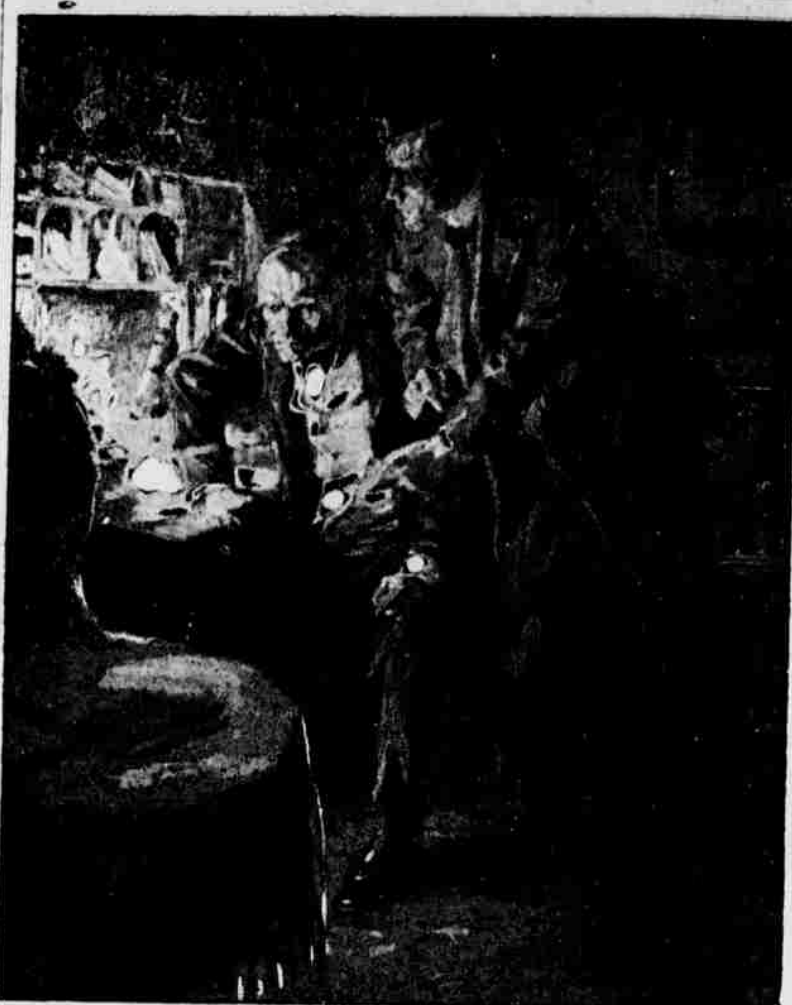
Many amendments were offered to include all subjects of belligerent countries whose homes had been invaded. Senator Poindexter declared other nations would protest under the favored nation clauses of their treaties with the United States. Senator Root, who made an eloquent plea for the lodge amendment, declared it would not violate any treaty obligation. He pictured the Belgians as a people without a country and without a protecting government who needed asylum. Many senators from agricultural states protested against the limitation of these exemptions to farmers.

#### As Passed by House

The literacy test as finally approved by the senate is practically as it passed the houses, all amendments to enlarge the exemptions to admit persons fleeing from political or racial as well as religious persecution having been rejected.

The literacy test would require all aliens over 16 years old, physically capable of reading, to be able to read "the English language or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish." The test would not apply to the father or grandfather over 55 years of age, the wife, mother, or grandmother or unmarried or widowed daughter of an alien previously admitted, who desired to bring in these relatives. The act would also exempt aliens emigrating from another country because of religious persecution.

Other features of the bill which change existing law, are designed primarily to increase safeguards of health and morals and to protect labor of the country. The head tax on



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Immigrants is increased from \$4 to \$6.

To the general exclusion classes are added the following: Vagrants; persons afflicted with tuberculosis in any form, or with any disability which renders them incapable of earning a livelihood; persons who teach or advocate the unlawful destruction of property; those who previously have been deported; stow-aways; children under 16 years of age unaccompanied or not coming to one or both parents, and persons not eligible for citizenship.

#### Penalty Against Steamships.

The bill provides as a pecuniary penalty against steamship companies a lien on the vessels the owners of which violate the proposed regulations. Under the bill, persons or corporations would be prohibited from importing contract labor or soliciting or inducing the importation of immigrants, except "that skilled labor if otherwise admissible, may be imported into this country." The question of the necessity for importing such labor is to be determined by the secretary of labor.

An amendment submitted by Senator Cummins today, and accepted, provides that the departments of labor and commerce closely observe the industrial conditions of the country and notify congress whenever in their opinion expected immigration would materially increase the number of unemployed in the country or reduce the standard of wages to workmen. The bill outlines a system of supervision of immigrant ships and also provides for immigrant stations at interior points for the distribution of aliens.

A provision of the house bill directing that American medical inspectors should be placed on immigrant ships in foreign ports, was stricken out in the senate after protests from foreign governments.

#### Ways of the Sunfish.

What piscatorial fan does not know the cursed annoyance of the persistent little sunfish? Expert in the stealing of bait, he is responsible for many a disappointing nibble and for many a haul that brings no reward but the trouble of unhooking him. The independent, however, devotes a paragraph to his domestic habits that gives him a new interest. We use the masculine pronoun since it appears that the male fish is the nest builder and the assiduous guardian of the precious contents. Into the saucer-shaped hollow in the sand he pushes a flooring of pebbles. Then he persuades a female to deposit her eggs. This done, she goes about her care-free way, while he remains hovering about the nest and fanning it with his fins to keep the eggs free from silt and to supply a needed modicum of oxygen.

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TO BE ROARING FURNACE  
WHILE STANDING IN FRONT OF  
UNION STATION.

When southbound passenger train No. 11, in charge of Conductor Whiteman, arrived at the union station this afternoon it was discovered that the interior of coach No. 856 was a seething mass from some unknown cause. The coach was empty when the blaze was discovered, but as it was used as a smoker, in all probability a lighted cigar stump was the cause of the blaze.

The fire department responded to the alarm from the station, and with chemicals and water, soon had the fire extinguished, not, however, until the car had been badly damaged inside. The train proceeded on its way after the fire was extinguished, taking the damaged car along to the Cleburne shops.

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Karlruhe Sighted Again.

Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 4.—The long missing German commerce raider Karlruhe was sighted January 1 between this island and the Venezuelan coast.

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